

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2019

TO: Fish & Wildlife Commissioners

FROM: Michelle McGree

SUBJECT: Future Fisheries Improvement Program Applications
(Summer 2019 Funding Cycle)

Enclosed are copies of the applications that are being considered for the Summer 2019 funding cycle of the Future Fisheries Improvement Program. Electronic copies of the applications, including design details, are available on the FWP Future Fisheries webpage: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/habitat/fish/futureFisheries/2019summerApps.html>.

The 14-member Citizen Review Panel met on June 13 in Dillon to review 12 proposed Future Fisheries projects. They determined funding recommendations based on discussion and majority agreement. The ranking committee met after the meeting to prioritize projects, but the results were not used to adjust funding recommendations.

A summary of project rankings and the overall funding recommendations are provided for your consideration; these recommendations will be discussed during the August 15th commission meeting. The Review Panel recommended funding 11 of 12 projects for a funding level of \$510,225 (3.4 to 1 match). This would leave \$639,775 for three remaining grant cycles of the Future Fisheries Improvement Program; additional authority and funding would come from the 2021 legislative session.

A summary of public comments that were received from the posting of all applications onto the FWP website and from the Environmental Assessment process will be included in the pre-commission materials. The Environmental Assessment comment period will end on July 30th.

Please feel free to contact me at 444-2432 if you have any questions. Thank you.